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SUBJ: U.S. VISIT OF MILAN MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

DEPT PASS DOT AND EPA

1. MILAN CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY CONFIDENTIALLY APPROVED 14 DAY U.S. TOUR OF MAYOR ALDO ANIASI AND SIX COUNCILMEN REPRESENTING ALL POLITICAL FACTIONS INCLUDING COMMUNISTS THAT COMPOSE MILAN'S GOVERNING COALITION. FINAL PUBLIC VOTE DELAYED UNTIL EVE OF DEPARTURE AND PLANS SHOULD, THEREFORE, REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL MADE PUBLIC IN MILAN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO MAYOR WHO FEELS THAT HE CAN WAIT NO LONGER TO BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS.

2. TENTATIVE ETA CHICAGO 15:59 JULY 26 VIA TWA 849 FROM PARIS.

3. TOTAL PARTY OF NINE TO INCLUDE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MISS RAVASI, AS WELL AS HIS 16-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

4. OBJECTIVE OF VISIT IS TO OBSERVE SEVERAL AMERICAN CITIES AND STUDY HOW US DEALS WITH MAJOR URBAN PROBLEMS.

5. MAJOR CONCERNS ARE:

A. WASTE TREATMENT

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B. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- C. PUBLIC HOUSING
- D. POLLUTION CONTROL
- E. MUNICIPAL RECREATION.

6. ALL TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES FUNDED BY CITY OF MILAN. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE THROUGH LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT.

7. ITINERARY WILL BEGIN IN CHICAGO (JULY 26, 27, 28). GROUP WILL THEN BE HOSTED BY 3M COMPANY IN ST. PAUL (JULY 29, 30). WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO LEARN NAME OF 3M OFFICIAL IN ST. PAUL WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE. WILL CABLE ASAP.

8. PARTY THEN WISHES VISIT SAN FRANCISCO (JULY 31, AUGUST 2) AND LOS ANGELES (AUG. 3, 4, 5).

9. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE THEN FOR VISIT ON AUG. 6 AND 7 TO PHOENIX, ATLANTA, SEATTLE OR DENVER BEFORE CONCLUDING TOUR WITH TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON (AUG. 8, 9). GROUP DEPARTS WASHINGTON EVENING AUG. 9 VIA TWA FROM NEW YORK. REQUEST WASHINGTON RECOMMEND MOST SUITABLE CITY FOR AUG. 5-6 VISIT.

10. MAYOR ANIASI, ITALY'S MOST IMPORTANT SOCIALIST MAYOR, HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY TO U.S. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY COOPERATED TO CREATE FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR U.S. INVESTMENT IN CITY THAT IS HEADQUARTERS FOR MOST U.S. CORPORATIONS WITH ITALIAN OPERATIONS. FYI: ANIASI LAST YEAR VISITED LENINGRAD, MILAN'S SISTER-CITY, AND UNDER PRESSURE FROM LEFT-WING TO LOOK TO USSR FOR INSPIRATION. ALSO WITHIN LAST YEAR ANIASI HAS VISITED CHILE AND ISRAEL ON OFFICIAL INVITATIONS.

11. FURTHERMORE, NEITHER MAYOR ANIASI NOR ANY MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL HAS EVER VISITED U.S. EXCEPT FOR NEW YORK TRIP LAST YEAR.

12. SINCE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FULL SPECTRUM CITY GOVERNMENT (INDIVIDUALS AS YET NOT REVEALED) WE SEE POTENTIAL FOR FAVORABLE IMPACT AS VERY HIGH.

13. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. DEPARTMENT ARRANGE FOR OFFICIAL INTERPRETER-ESCORT FOR FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD OF VISIT WITH AS MUCH RED CARPET TREATMENT AS POSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE.

B. DEPARTMENT SEEK CABLED INVITATIONS FROM EITHER PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OR WESTERN REGIONAL EQUIVALENT. THIS REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALLY BY MAYOR'S OFFICE TO HELP OVERCOME INTERNAL POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO VISITING US. IN THIS REGARD IT MIGHT BE NOTED THAT MAYOR ANIASI HAS TWICE HOSTED CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

OF THE WORLD'S GREAT CITIES TO WHICH US MAYORS INVITED.

C. CONTACT BE MADE WITH OFFICES OF MAYOR DALEY (CHICAGO), MAZITELLI (ST. PAUL), ALIOTO (SAN FRANCISCO) AND BRADLEY (LOS ANGELES) INFORMING THEM OF VISIT AND SEEKING THEIR ASSISTANCE (AND THAT OF OTHER MAYORS ON ITINERARY AS FEASIBLE). WE NOTE THAT MAYOR ALIOTO WAS GUEST OF CITY OF MILAN IN SPRING 1973.

D. IN WASHINGTON, HOPE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE AT DEPARTMENT.

E. APPOINTMENTS WITH MAYOR OF WASHINGTON; AT EPA WITH JUDGE TRAIN; AT DOT (POSSIBLY WITH JOHN INGRAM - ADMINISTRATOR FEDERAL RAILROADS - RECENTLY IN MILAN); AND AT HUD TO DISCUSS PROJECT BREAKTHROUGH AND OTHER URBAN AND HOUSING INNOVATIONS. ALSO REQUEST APPOINTMENTS ON HILL WITH ANY AMONG THE FOLLOWING: SENATORS MUSKIE, PACKWOOD OR TUNNEY AND CONGRESSMEN FASCELL, FOLEY, CONABLE AND PETTIS.

F. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT FSO THOMAS T. TURQMAN, FORMERLY DPO MILAN AND FRIEND OF MAYOR, CURRENTLY IN THE DEPARTMENT, BE ADVISED OF THE VISIT AND INCLUDED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

G. RECOMMEND CITY FOR AUGUST 6 AND 7 VISIT.

14. I AM FULLY AWARE OF INCONVENIENCE TO DEPARTMENT, AND ALL THOSE WITH WHOM APPOINTMENTS SOUGHT, OF LAST MINUTE VISIT OF THIS NATURE. I AM CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND THAT BENEFIT TO US WELL WORTH THE EFFORT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF IMPACT THAT CAN BE MADE ON MEN WHO GOVERN MILAN BUT BECAUSE OF OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE LEFT WING LEADERSHIP IN GENERAL. IN ABSENCE USG ASSISTANCE, GROUP DISPOSED TO MAKE PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH I FEEL WOULD YIELD LESS COMPLETE INSIGHT INTO AMERICAN LIFE.
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15. BIODATA AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE CABLED SOONEST AVAILABLE.
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